$50,000 PROBE FUND REJECTED

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House Votes Against Aid for Garrison

The Louisiana House turned thumbs down Monday on a proposed $50,000 appropriation to finance District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Meanwhile, Gordon Novel, an elusive figure in Garrison's probe, told a New Orleanian Monday in a telephone conversation that he and a radio newsman, a close friend, were fired upon and were injured by flying glass Sunday at 2 a.m. as they sat in a radio station truck.

At the same time, the probe was developing in Austin, Tex., where an attorney for Sergio Arcacha Smith argued at an extradition hearing against having Arcacha returned to New Orleans for questioning by Garrison.

A Texas official indicated a decision on the Dallas man's extradition hearing would take several days.

Arcacha, who now lives in Dallas, is a former leader of an anti-Castro movement in New Orleans. Garrison's office alleges that he and Novel took part in a 1961 conspiracy here to burglarize a Houma munitions bunker, and the extradition proceedings are being pressed to charge him with conspiracy to commit simple burglary.

On another front of the investigation, Dean Andrews Jr., and his attorney, Sam Zelden, during a hearing on a motion to quash a perjury indictment against Andrews, asked Criminal District Judge Frank Shea to order the Orleans Parish Grand Jury to turn over to Andrews the entire transcript of his testimony before the jury.

VOTE 66 TO 31

In Baton Rouge, the House vote on the special appropriation, tagged onto the governor's proposed $1.2 billion budget bill, was 31 for and 66 against.

Offering the amendment, Rep. Risley Triche of Napoleonville, a floor leader for Gov. Jimmie H. Davis, claimed Garrison's investigation should not be financed from private sources.

"The investigation of crime is a public responsibility, and it is the reponsibility of this Legislature to finance the prosecution of crime," Triche, said.

But Rep. Robert Munson of Cheneyville, one of Gov. John J. McKeithen's floor leaders, said, "I have no use whatever for Jim Garrison," who he told the House "is the man who called you and me a bunch of crooks" in connection with a vote on a 1964 bond issue.

His primary reason for opposing the appropriation, said Mun-

Chaission noted that Garrison governor's budget with an expected surplus of only about $7,000.

DEBATE LONG

The legislative amendment by Triche touched off a long debate on Garrison's controversial investigation.

"It's a request for a worthwhile project," said Rep. Joel Chaisson of St. Charles parish. "He has made some extreme accusations and has had to use private money to finance the investigation."

Chaission noted that Garrison pointed to Central Intelligence Agency involvement in the assassination and "I haven't heard the CIA come out with any reply on this matter."

"If he's wrong, we're going to look bad giving him $50,000," replied Rep. Bert Adams of Vernon parish.

New Orleans representatives were puzzled. They said Garrison had not contacted them for a special appropriation. Triche said he had "discussed this with Mr. Garrison through an intermediary."

"We find this a little surprising," said Rep. Edward F. LeBreton of New Orleans. "We have got a little pay raise for him, but this appropriation leaves us in the dark."

PROBE ASSAILED

At Arcacha's extradition hearing in Austin, one of the Cuban's attorneys, Ernest Colvin Jr. of Dallas, charged that Garrison is "a man who is powermad."

"The investigation is to humiliate, harass and destroy our client," Colvin said. "His concern is that his life will be endangered" should he be returned to face charges, the attorney added.

Another Arcacha counsel, Frank P. Hernandez of Dallas, said the Louisiana affidavit asking extradition does not reflect responsibility that would stand up under oath.

Hernandez said Arcacha is willing to talk to Garrison's investigators in Dallas before police or a judge, "so long as

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Rain, Tornadoes

Probe Figure at Extradition Hearing

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PRESIDING AT an extradition hearing in Austin, Tex., Monday for Sergio Arcacha Smith (second from right), wanted for questioning by District Attorney Jim Garrison, is Texas Secretary of State John Hill (left). At the hearing, Hill heard arguments for and against an extradition request from Gov. John J. McKeithen. Those at the session included (from left), Hill, attorney Frank Hernandez, Arcacha and attorney Emmett Colvin Jr.

he doesn't have to go into the lair of Mr. Garrison." Attempts at this plan have failed, he added.

Colvin told Texas Secretary of State John Hill that Arcacha underwent a lie detector test which reflects no guilt or association on our client's part."

Hill said Texas Gov. John Connally, who was wounded in the same car in which Kennedy was shot, would be presented a transcript of the hearing for analysis and "ultimate decision."

In Tennessee, WKDA station president Charles F. Walker—at least 13 hours after the alleged incident—told police Novel was in Nashville at the station's request and agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open." This was a repetition of a Novel threat to explode the probe.

Capt. W. A. McDaniel of the Nashville Metropolitan Police said that radio station officials did not report any news of the alleged incident until 3 p. m. Sunday, some 13 hours after Novel and newsman Gary Edwards were reportedly fired upon as they sat in the truck in front of Edwards' apartment.

LEFT IMMEDIATELY

Novel and Edwards were said to have left Nashville immediately and called radio station officials from Bowling Green, Ky., several hours later to tell them their story.

They were reported en route back to Ohio, where Novel is awaiting extradition to Louisiana on a burglary charge lodged against him by Garrison, who wants to quiz him concerning the Kennedy probe.

Novel was said to have been injured on the shoulder and Edwards in the face from flying glass.

Nashville authorities said glass in the left door of the truck was shattered, and there were four indentations made by bullets on the right side of the truck's paneling. They were not informed of the affair until the pair was out of the state.

Capt. McDaniel said Nashville police were told that Novel was treated in Kentucky for a wound, but this could not be confirmed by any official source.

Another radio station spokesman said Novel once hired Edwards to work with him in New York on the Louisiana Pavilion at the New York World's Fair and that Novel said Edwards was the only newsman he trusts now.

The spokesman would not say where Novel is now but said that Edwards, news director for the station, left Novel Monday to attend a professional meeting in Washington. Novel could not

be located in Columbus, Ohio.

In still another development here Friday, Republican leader Leonard Limes urged U.S. Rep. Hale Boggs to use his power in Washington to remove "alleged obstacles" facing Garrison in his investigation.

Limes, who unsuccessfully opposed Boggs in last year's congressional election, said in a telegram to the House majority whip that he (Boggs) is obliged to "clarify this situation of grave national importance."

Boggs occupied a seat on the Warren Commission which found Oswald was Kennedy's assassin.

Working in connection with a different aspect of the investigation, Andrews' attorney Zelden said that although about 10 pages of his client's testimony was released to him, the distict attorney's office has not spelled out what part of the testimony is alleged to be false.

COPY ASKED

Zelden and Andrews said a full copy of the testimony is needed to prepare a defense because Andrews may have later corrected information which he gave in parts which are supposed to be perjurous.

The Grand Jury accused Andrews of lying about his knowledge of Clay L. Shaw and the mysterious Clay Bertrand. Shaw, retired managing director of the International Trade Mart, is accused by Garrison's office of conspiring to murder Kennedy. A Baton Rouge insurance salesman, Perry R. Russo, testified at Shaw's preliminary hearing that he knew Shaw as Clem Bertrand.

Andrews told the Warren Commission someone he identified as Clay Bertrand called him after Kennedy's assassination to ask him to represent Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the commission as Kennedy's assassin. Garrison said Shaw and Bertrand are the same man.

Five figures were subpenaed by Federal District Court Friday in connection with a $100,000 suit by Andrews claiming deprivation of his civil rights.

Andrews, a former Jefferson Parish assistant district attorney suspended after adverse publicity, filed suit against Garrison April 18.

Subpenas were served on Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner; Dr. E. F. Fatter, a physician who testified that he placed star state witness Russo under hypnosis at the request of Garrison's office; Albert V. LaBiche, grand jury foreman; William Gurvich and Lynn Loisell, district attorney investigators.

In Detroit, an attorney for the brother of the late Jack Ruby branded as "completely incorrect" Garrison's charges that Ruby was connected with Oswald and Shaw.

Alan Adelson, Earl Ruby's attorney, said Garrison told him last week he discovered a coded telephone number known to Oswald and Shaw that was the same as Jack Ruby's unlisted phone number in Dallas.

Oswald was slain by Jack Ruby before a nationwide television audience; Ruby has since died of cancer.

Adelson said Garrison told him his theory of the case against Shaw. "A lot of what he told me I can't repeat because he asked me not to. The only part that I was concerned with was when he said that Ruby, Oswald and Shaw were all working for the CIA," Adelson said. He said he went to Dallas and checked out the information with people who knew Ruby and he said, "It is completely incorrect."